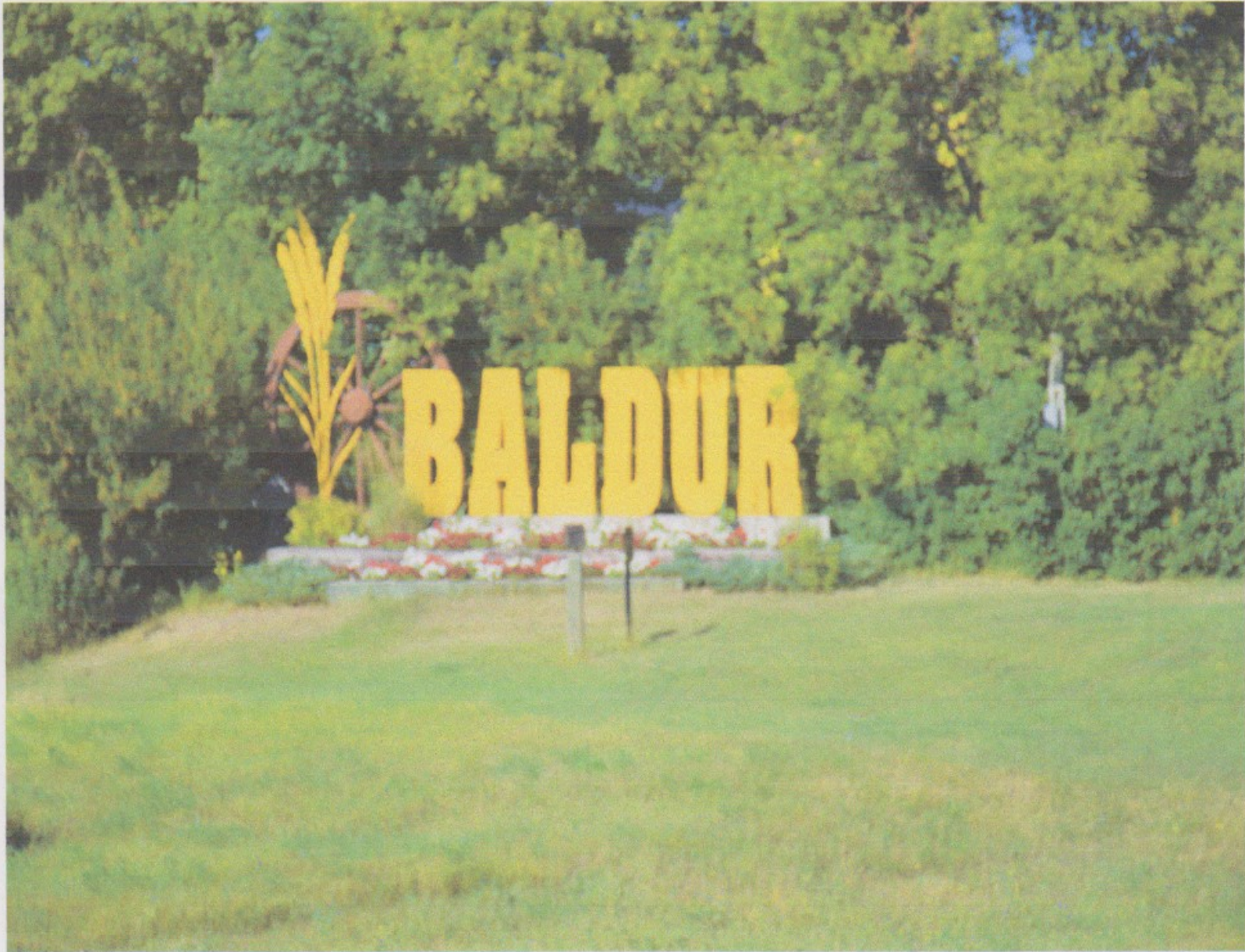


Welcome to



Communities in Bloom
2017

Thank you to The Baldur Flower Committee

For close to 20 years this committee has worked to achieve pinnacle floral paradise - and they have never failed!

Continuing to grow and expand, this is one of the most incredible groups of volunteers.

They are the raw definition of team - they work together seamlessly, orchestrating and maintaining beautiful works of art that adorn our town. Every year the displays they design are bigger, bolder and brighter. How do they do it?

In addition to working so closely with their 'plant children' they tirelessly fund-raise throughout the year, to ensure there are funds available for fertilizers, watering wands, pots - the list is lengthy, but incredibly it never goes unfilled.

What do these super heroes do when fall arrives and everything has been cleaned and put away. You would think they would take a much needed break. Well, no, you could not be more wrong!

Winter is a time for planning for the next year.

This committee goes above and beyond anything that could be expected of a group of volunteers - and we are so grateful that they do.

**Thank you, for everything you do for our community!
You are amazing!**

Our Flower Committee welcomes you!

Communities In Bloom Members

Bernice Hiscock
Pat Dearsley
Bubs Reykdal
Lavona Gosselin
Hedy Jocey
Linda Warrener

Joy Johnson
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Toots Cameron
Joy Dearsley
Florence Trinder

Earl Johnson
Toots Cameron
Barb Patton
Loraine Cramer
Anne Gudnason

We would like to recognize the following individuals for their contributions to planting, dead heading and everything in between:

Eila Sigurdson

Betty Brooks

Joan MacKay

As well as many dedicated mystery helpers, we extend a sincere and heartfelt,
THANK YOU!

For twenty years, this small group has performed miracles!



Who would believe all this beauty was possible, never mind being created in what seems to be overnight!

Dedicated does not even come close to describing this committee, and their jobs are never done.

Twelve months a year this committee is planning or executing the plans.

They are, by far, the busiest committee in Baldur - they never stop.

Long winter days keep this group in planning mode, but at the first hint of spring all the careful planning explodes into reality. Hanging plants, raised beds,



planters, the annual floral tango of natural beauty, alive and ready to dazzle you.



The love this group has for their tiny green treasures, as well as the dedication to their community and each other is abundantly clear.

A mere thank you to this amazing committee seems so insignificant, but the simple fact is, our community does so very much appreciate everything you do, each and every year.



Officials and Staff

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Councillor - Ward 6:	Tom Kay

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Equipment Operator	Laurie Johnson
Equipment Operator	Dori Gudnason

Town Foreman	Darcy Dearsley
Summer Student	Tyler McIntosh

Public Librarian	Lisa Thornborough and April Budd
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Economic/Tourism Co-Ordinator (summer student)	Peighton Johnson
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Municipal Action Plan

Baldur is an amazing place to live for so many reasons - among them are our Municipal leaders who strive to ensure groups such as our Flower Committee are given generous financial support to not only hire a person to water the delicate floral treasures sprinkled throughout Baldur, but also complete so many necessary upgrades and changes.

The Halls and Recreational facilities are extremely important hubs, not only for those who reside in Baldur, but also within the surrounding areas. Because of a deep-seated commitment to family value and the need for families to be engaged in activities, ongoing financial support has been donated to these facilities, by the municipality to ensure these valuable hubs remain available for public use.



Our rec Director, Colleen VanWynsberghe and her assistant Nyah Desrochers have a very busy schedule this summer with day camps, trips, picnics, games and so much more. This dynamic duo does a first class job keeping our kids entertained, active and interacting, which is so very important in rural farming communities.



Argyle Campground continues to be upgraded and preened. Privacy tree lines have been planted in between the camping spots to improve the outdoor experience.

Over the past several years our RM has continued to have derelict buildings removed, replaced water mains, completed major street repairs, added new sidewalks and so much more. They are constantly revitalizing, upgrading and just making our town the beautiful haven you see today.

We are fortunate to have a very progressive and forwards thinking group of leaders.

Tidiness

**Baldur - God of innocence, beauty, joy, purity and peace
How appropriate!**

We pride ourselves on our ability to work together.

Every spring our town school does its part by recruiting all students from kindergarten to grade 12 to take an afternoon to go out with their teachers and collect refuse that had been hidden by the winters heavy snow.



As soon as the snow has melted, our local 4-H group spends a Saturday morning collecting trash from the ditches outside Baldur. The mountains of filled garbage bags that wait for pick-up are a testament to the need for this activity. Before garden planting and grass cutting starts, a street cleaner is hired to clean our streets and roads. When they are finished, our roadways nearly squeak they are so clean.

To help maintain an uncluttered town, there are numerous trash and recycling bins dotting the front street and common areas. This has been extremely effective by keeping litter to an almost non-existent state.

Veteran Park acting as an ambassador to travelers looking for a place to stop and stretch is always kept at its pristine best. With the many upgrades that have been done to the shelter and the surrounding park, this has become the perfect spot to stop and just enjoy!

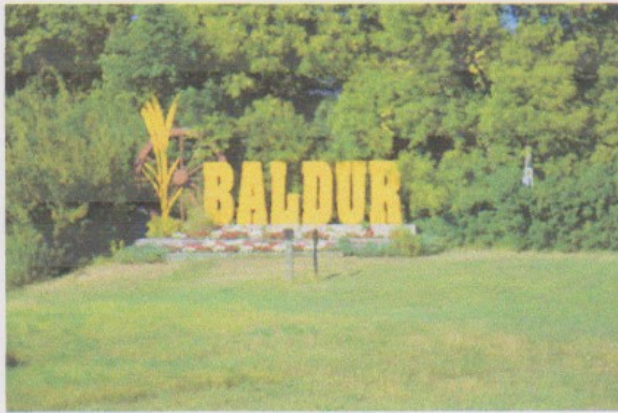


Surrounded with lush fields, towering tree bluffs and acres of grasslands filled with

healthy livestock. Baldur has a natural beauty and elegance

Landscaped Areas

As you enter Baldur you are greeted by huge yellow letters announcing BALDUR



The giant letters seem to float on a carpet of floral delights - what an amazing way to introduce visitors to our beautiful home.

Baldur is a mix of natural and assisted landscaping. The carefully manicured lawns and green spaces, vacant lots, town ditches and trimmed hedges, these are all detailed expressions of the pride we all share.

Although we have beautiful parks and immaculately manicured residential spaces, the raw beauty of nature, is nature at its best.



Just outside of Baldur you will see rolling fields of glorious colours and hues. Large pools of cool clear water play host to families of waterfowl. Immense stands of trees offering refuge to our precious wildlife.



Nature in its pure form is nature at its most beautiful.

Natural Culture and Heritage Conservation

Our founders left us an abundance of historic treasures. This is what helps to keep our heritage alive. The Argyle Museum, situated in a designated heritage building, is home to many of these collections and assorted memorabilia.

In memory of Bob Sigvaldason, decedent of one of the first families to settle in Baldur, an eighty acre expanse of untouched land was donated as a prairie tribute. This land serves as a gentle reminder of how life was when the settlers first arrived. Original buffalo rubs clearly dot the landscape, a reminder of these giants who not so long ago called this area home. Staunch prairie grasses cradling timid clusters of tiny pastel wildflowers - snippets of delicate beauty in a harsh prairie landscape.

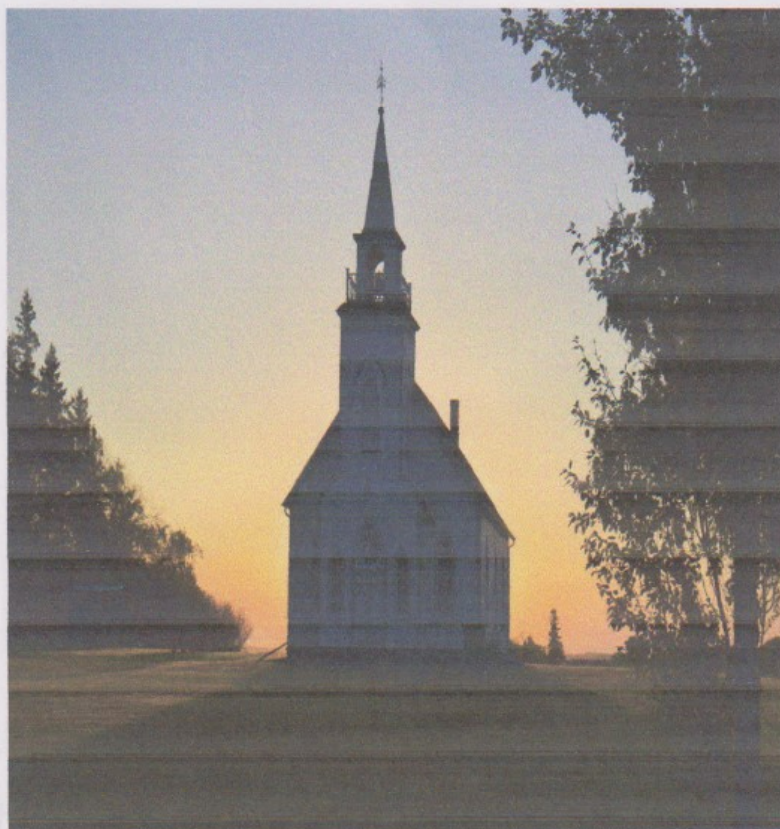
Within Baldur we have several historical sites, including churches and our beloved Baldur Memorial Hall. This hall was built as a testament to all pioneer women and the sacrifices they made while they work side by side with the men to start their new lives here.

In addition to the numerous historical sites within Baldur, there are

countless others in the surrounding areas within the R.M. of Argyle. One of the most famous of these sites is Grund Church. Grund Church is the oldest standing Icelandic Lutheran Church in Canada. Maintained in its original state, this icon is as beautiful today as it was when it was constructed in 1889.

All of our historical sites and buildings are treated with the respect they so aptly deserve. A rich taste of history to be embraced and cared for, this is

evident throughout the area



Urban Forest Management

Although the R.M. of Argyle is home to many native varieties of trees, many other varieties have been introduced that have continued to thrive.

Under the guidance of trained arborists, new trees are planted yearly to ensure a constant and healthy growth is maintained.



Our trees not only act as shelter belts from wind and shade from the summer sun, they also offer so much to our environment. Our huge forested areas are home to animals and birds alike.

Our municipality takes great effort in maintaining and caring for our trees. It is because of this diligence that we will continue to boast huge healthy stands of graceful gentle giants.



Floral Displays

Baldur - beauty at its best!

Located at the east and west gateways to our home are giant, bright yellow 'BALDUR' signs, accented with the beautiful grace of bright floral carpets.

As you enter Baldur you are greeted with floral delights poised to uplift and attract.

Hanging baskets heavily laden with draping ropes of blooms line the poles of our front street. Majestic pots brimming with dancing petalled wonders of endless colour.

The floral displays in Baldur are a quiet symphony of life using bold notes of colour and scent to play its music.

Our Flower Committee performs magic every year, making displays that are bigger, brighter and bolder.



Touring private yards is an invitation into even more exquisite habitats. The hundreds of man hours required to achieve such a floral enchantment is awe-inspiring, to say the least.



Our local seniors home installed two raised flower beds to help bring nature and colour closer to home. With oversized walkways between the flower beds even those with mobility issues can enjoy the beauty.

As you walk down any of our residential streets you will immediately notice the care our residents take of their yards and homes, with showpiece gardens a natural occurrence. The staggering number of man hours that are spent to accomplish these masterful works of art is mind-boggling, but it clearly demonstrates the widespread passion that has made our home the beautiful haven it is.

Without the untiring diligence of our Flower Committee and the example they set, Baldur`s unrivaled floral extravaganza would not be close to what it is today.

Baldur has adopted multiples of environmentally responsible alternates to help ensure a wide variety of potentially toxic materials do not end up in our landfill.

Baldur is provided with curbside garbage and recycling pick-up. For those individuals who live outside of town, our landfill site offers a progressive drop off recycling depot.

With trained, on-site management, our landfill stays organized and recyclables are deposited in the appropriate areas.

A designated trailer for used oil, filters and containers helps eliminate toxins from entering the earth and waterways.

In addition to regular recycling materials such as cardboard, glass and pop cans to name just a few, our recycling depot can also accept, batteries, old computers, printers, cell phones and other assorted electronics.

Also, new for this year, a hazardous waste collection site has been added.

As you can see, recycling is an important part of our community.

Starting in kindergarten the students are taught the importance of recycling. Our k - 12 school has an in house composting system in addition to an aggressive recycling program, with designated bins available to all students and staff.

The compost is used in the raised vegetable beds on the school property that are planted every spring.

To actively promote recycling throughout our community, there are recycling bins on the front street and near businesses, as well as in our common areas.

This summer there will also be a designated pop can recycling container placed outside one of the front street businesses. Just another step to reduce, recycle and reuse.

We take pride in protecting our environment.

Baldur is so very fortunate to have the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District office on our main street. (www.assiniboinehillscd.ca)

In addition to providing water testing, this office hosts many other valuable programs. Their district is comprised of 6,349 km². Within this district, they provide a list of services that is lengthy and so very essential.



Our municipality leads by example and actively promotes to the area, the use of professional weed control. By educating residents of the hazards of accidental poisoning, storage and disposal issues derived from self application, it assists in helping individuals to make informed decisions.

Community Involvement

The Baldur Community Development Association is a long standing volunteer group who has revamped its purpose and mandate. The new mandate for this group is, 'will aim to maintain and enhance a level of well being and quality of life and to support services for the benefit of the community.'

Of the many positive undertaking this group has taken on, the most recent is creating a summer student position (Economic/tourism co-ordinator) to help support the new Economic Committee and assist the Recreation Director.

Local student, Peighton Johnson has been hired to fill this position. Her office is housed in the Argyle Museum, please take a minute to stop by and say hello.



annual Solstice Days.

Every spring our local 4-H club rolls up their sleeves and spends a Saturday morning combing the ditches outside of town for litter. The huge number of garbage bags that are collected for pick up is a physical testament to the need for this invaluable service.

Our local school also takes a day and the students set out throughout Baldur and collect garbage that the melted snow has unveiled. By the time they are finished our town nearly squeaks it is so clean!

Baldur's business community gives so much back to the community that supports them. From supplying free weekly breakfast snacks and low cost hot lunches to supplying containers and condiments and prizes for silent auctions. Our business community is second to none.



Created in 1999, the Baldur an Area Endowment Fund continues to help groups and organizations continue to achieve their goals through financial assistance





